



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1686 - SB 1749

April 26, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013884, 018086, 018241): Creates a pilot program called the “Colonel Thomas G. Bowden Act” (Act), which provides grants to the Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (AAADs) for respite care services to those who are experiencing symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia and have received a clinical diagnosis of such. Requires the act to be composed of two tiers depending on the applicant’s personal financial ability to pay for caregiver services and is limited to 225 enrollees each fiscal year. The program will run from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$1,000,000/FY22-23
\$1,000,000/FY23-24
\$1,000,000/FY24-25**

The legislative amendment to the Governor’s proposed FY22-23 budget includes funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for this purpose.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on the Alzheimer’s Association 2019 Facts and Figures Report, an estimated 120,000 people over the age of 65 are living with Alzheimer’s in this state.
- The nine AAADs contract with third-party entities to provide care. The third-party entities will provide respite care at a cost of \$21.32 per hour for an average of 4 hours per week.
- The grant program is limited to 225 enrollees which would result in expenditures of \$997,776 [(\$21.32 per hour of care x 4 hours a week x 52 weeks) x 225 individuals] annually.
- It is assumed each AAAD will receive a grant with the total increase in state expenditures for the grant program of \$1,000,000 in FY22-23, FY23-24, and FY24-25.
- Any increase in expenditures to the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability to accept reports from the AAADs will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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